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SAYS PEOPLE'S POLICE TO EXPAND TO 140,000;
POLICE FIGHT CROWD AT LEIPZIG FAIR

ORGANIZE DISGUISED ARMY -- Buenos Aires, Argentinisches Tageblatt, 14 Jun 51

Bonn (AFP) -- The SPD (Social Democratic Party) made known that an army camouflaged as People's Police has been organized in the German Democratic Republic. The army, which has a current strength of 70,000 men, is to be expanded to a strength of 140,000.

Apart from these military units, the People's Police disposes of over 80,000-90,000 men. The USSR is arming these troops with both light and heavy weapons. According to the memorandum published by the SPD, only 30-40 percent of these combat forces are really devoted to the Communist regime.

PEOPLE'S POLICE OFFICIAL ACCUSED OF ABUSING POWERS -- Buenos Aires, Argentinisches Tageblatt, 10 Sep 51

Uelzen, 3 September (DPA) -- The Investigating Committee of Liberal Jurists has charged the People's Police Inspector in Chief, who is in charge of training operations, and Bernhard Bechler, formerly Minister of Internal Affairs in Brandenburg, with flagrant instances of illegal detention, resulting from abuse of official powers.

The committee also accuses Bechler of having committed bigamy in marrying his secretary, after he had declared his first wife, Margarete Dreikorn Bechler, dead, although he knew that she was being held in a Soviet prison in Dresden. Following Mrs Bechler's release in 1948, he had her arrested by the People's Police and sent to a concentration camp. Reportedly she was sentenced to death last year in Waldheim penitentiary, under her maiden name. Later, this sentence was commuted to life imprisonment. It is claimed that Mrs Bechler is still an inmate of the Waldheim penal institution.

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DEMONSTRATE AGAINST PEOPLE'S POLICE -- Buenos Aires, Argentinisches Tageblatt, 23 Sep 51

Berlin, 13 September (DPA) -- During a fireworks display at the Leipzig Fair serious altercations occurred between the People's Police and some 3,500 spectators. As reported by eyewitnesses of the Berlin group of Fighters Against Inhumanity, the cause of the disturbance is said to have been a firecracker which two youths aimed at the trousers of a people's policeman.

When the young men were arrested, the crowd sided with them and accompanied them to the People's Police station, where the demonstrators cut the telephone wires and tried to batter in the door. They ripped the hose from a hastily summoned fire truck and trained it on the riot cars of the People's Police when they appeared on the scene. For about one hour the crowd pelted the police with objects picked up from the fair booths. Many persons were seriously wounded, and over 100 are said to have been arrested and jailed.

APPOINT NEW POLICE OFFICIAL -- Chemnitz, Volksstimme, 11 Aug 51

Hans Kohoutek, erstwhile police commissioner of Chemnitz who has taken over another function, has been succeeded by Karl Beuchel, former deputy police commissioner of Chemnitz.

The new police official is 47 years old and comes from a worker's family. He has been a member of the German Communist Party since 1922 and worked with the Albert Haehnel resistance group during the Hitler regime.

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